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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SP

SUBJECT: CABINET CHANGES

1. SEVERAL SOURCES COINCIDE IN SAYING THAT THE CABINET MAY BE ANNOUNCED THIS EVENING, THOUGH THIS IS NOT CERTAIN. ONE, A WELL PLACED FIGURE WITH EXCELLENT POLITICAL CONNECTIONS, TOLD ME THAT MARCELINO OREJA, THE CURRENT UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WILL DEFINITELY GET THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PORTFOLIO. THOUGH HE DID NOT CLAIM TO KNOW THE WHOLE LIST AND, IN FACT, INDICATED THAT SOME PORTFOLIOS WERE STILL UNCERTAIN, HE SAID THE FOLLOWING ALSO SEEMED SURE:

-- THE MILITARY MINISTERS WOULD STAY ON.

-- CALVO SOTELO AND PEREZ DE BRICIO (CLOSE TO THE KING)

WOULD STAY ON IN ONE OR ANOTHER OF THE ECONOMIC MINISTRIES.

-- MARTIN VILLA, THE CURRENT LABOR MINISTER, WOULD MOVE TO THE KEY INTERIOR MINISTRY. (PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF HIS SUCCESSFUL TENURE AS GOVERNOR OF BARCELONA)

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-- LANDELINO LAVILLA, A TACITO CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC

FIGURE, WOULD TAKE JUSTICE.

-- OSORIO, THE CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC WHO HAS BEEN SUAREZ'S CLOSEST CONFIDANT, WILL OF COURSE STAY ON IN MINISTRY OF THE PRESIDENCY.

2. OREJA, LIKE SUAREZ IS RELATIVELY YOUNG, ARTICULATE AND INTELLIGENT. IF HE GETS THE JOB, HE CANNOT TRADE ON THE KIND OF INTERNATIONAL STATURE AREILZA COMMANDS. AT THE SAME TIME HIS DEMOCRATIC CREDENTIALS ARE IMPECCABLE. HE WAS PIO CABANILLAS' UNDER-SECRETARY AND RESIGNED IN SOLIDARITY WHEN FRANCO SACKED CABANILLAS FOR TRYING TO INSTITUTE PRESS FREEDOMS. THOUGH A CAREER DIPLOMAT, HE HAS NOT BEEN MUCH ON ACTIVE SERVICE BUT ACTIVE IN POLITICS, PARTICULARLY AS A LEADER OF TACITO, WHERE HE INCURRED THE FRANCO GOVERNMENT'S WRATH MORE THAN ONCE AS A PRINCIPAL AUTHOR OF THAT GROUP'S OUTSPOKEN POLITICAL COMMENTARY. HE WAS AREILZA'S IMMEDIATE CHOICE AS UNDERSECRETARY AND IS AN ACKNOWLEDGED EXPERT ON LOS MATTERS.  
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